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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

INVENTOR: Reinhold MEIER et al.

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Gas Turbine Component

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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 1, 2009, INCLUDING AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Honorable Commissioner:

This Response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Filing on Monday August 3, 2009 is timely without a Term Extension, because August 1, 2009 was a Saturday.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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